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SUBJ: BIODATA ON AKIRA YOSHIOKA, JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO SRI LANKA

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1. FOLLOWING BIODATA IS PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL. AMBASSADOR AKIRA YOSHIOKA, CAREER DIPLOMAT, WAS BORN FEB 25, 1915. HE GRADUATED FROM TOKYO UNIVERSITY, LAW FACULTY, AND ENTERED MOFA IN 1941. FOLLOWING INITIAL SERVICE IN TOKYO, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO SWEDEN (1943-1945). IN POST-WAR PERIOD, LIKE OTHER JAPANESE DIPLOMATS, HE WAS DETAILED TO GOJ'S CENTRAL LIAISON OFFICE, CONTACT POINT WITH U.S. OCCUPATION FORCES (1945-1949), WITH BRIEF CONCURRENT ASSIGNMENT TO PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE IN 1948. FROM 1949 TO 1951 HE WAS ASSIGNED TO MOFA LIAISON OFFICE WITH DUTIES IN FINANCE MINISTRY BUDGET BUREAU. THEN, AFTER TOUR IN MOFA INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC BUREAU (1951-1952), HE WAS POSTED TO JAPANESE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AS SECOND SECRETARY.

2. AFTER SHORT STAY IN U.S., YOSHIOKA WAS TRANSFERRED TO CALCUTTA AS CONSUL IN 1952. FROM 1953 TO 1955 HE WORKED IN MOFA ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BUREAU WITH ADDITIONAL DUTIES IN PUBLIC INFORMATION AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS BUREAU. DETAILED TO JUSTICE MINISTRY, HE NEXT SERVED AS SECTION CHIEF IN IMMIGRATION BUREAU (1955-1958). HE RETURNED TO MOFA ECONOMIC

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AFFAIRS BUREAU IN 1958 AND REMAINED THERE UNTIL 1961 WHEN HE

WAS ASSIGNED TO JAPANESE EMBASSY IN REPUBLIC OF CHINA,
AS FIRST SECRETARY AND THEN (1962) AS COUNSELOR OF EMBASSY.

3. YOSHIOKA RETURNED TO MOFA IN 1965 AS COUNSELOR IN
AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU AND, BRIEFLY, AS CHIEF OF SECURITY
DIVISION. IN 1966, HE WAS DETAILED TO MINISTRY OF
INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MITI) WHERE HE WAS
COUNSELOR IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE BUREAU. FROM 1968 TO 1972,
YOSHIOKA WAS CONSUL GENERAL IN HONOLULU. HE THEN RETURNED TO
TOKYO TO BECOME DIRECTOR GENERAL OF JUSTICE MINISTRY IMMIGRA-
TION BUREAU, POST HE OCCUPIED UNTIL APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO
SRI LANKA IN NOVEMBER 1973.

4. YOSHIOKA AND WIFE, YAEKO, HAVE NO CHILDREN.
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